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To provide assistance to mobilize and support United States communities in carrying out youth development programs that assure that all youth have access to programs and services that build the competencies and character development needed to fully prepare the youth to become adults and effective citizens.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. GEORGE MILLER of California (for himself, Mrs. ROUKEMA, Mr. FROST, and Mr. GILMAN) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Education and the Workforce

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## A BILL

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1       *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2       *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

1   **TITLE I—SHORT TITLE; POLICY;**  
2       **FINDINGS; DEFINITIONS**

3   **SEC. 101. SHORT TITLE.**

4       This Act may be cited as the “Younger Americans  
5 Act”.

6   **SEC. 102. A NATIONAL YOUTH POLICY.**

7       Congress hereby resolves, in keeping with the tradi-  
8 tional United States concept that youth are the Nation’s  
9 most valuable resource, that youth of the Nation need, and  
10 it is the joint and several duty and responsibility of gov-  
11 ernments of the United States, of the several States and  
12 political subdivisions, and of Indian tribes, to assure that  
13 all youth have access to the full array of core resources,  
14 including—

- 15           (1) ongoing relationships with caring adults;  
16           (2) safe places with structured activities;  
17           (3) access to services that promote healthy life-  
18 styles, including those designed to improve physical  
19 and mental health;  
20           (4) opportunities to acquire marketable skills  
21 and competencies; and  
22           (5) opportunities for community service and  
23 civic participation.

24   **SEC. 103. FINDINGS.**

25       Congress finds that—

1           (1) young people under 18 years of age are now  
2           our most impoverished age group with 1 of every 5  
3           living in poverty, a higher proportion than in 1968,  
4           with the percentage for minority children being  
5           about twice as high;

6           (2) more than 1 of 4 families is headed by a  
7           single parent and the percentage of such families  
8           headed by such single parents has risen steadily over  
9           the past few decades, rising 13 percent since 1990;

10          (3) approximately 8,000,000 school-age children  
11          under 14 years of age spend time without adult su-  
12          pervision on a regular basis;

13          (4) an estimated 11,000,000 American children  
14          have no health insurance and 9 out of 10 of such  
15          children have parents who work;

16          (5) a need exists to address the developmental  
17          needs of all youth while providing more intensive  
18          support for youth in communities where need is  
19          greatest;

20          (6) there is a need to engage youth as active  
21          participants in decision-making that affects their  
22          lives, including design, development, implementation,  
23          and evaluation of youth development programs at  
24          the Federal, State, and community levels;

1           (7) existing outcome driven youth development  
2 strategies, pioneered by community-based organiza-  
3 tions, hold real promise for promoting positive be-  
4 haviors and preventing youth problems;

5           (8) formal evaluations of youth development  
6 programs have documented significant improvements  
7 in interpersonal skills, quality of peer and adult rela-  
8 tionships, self-control, cognitive competencies, com-  
9 mitment to schooling, and academic achievement;

10          (9) formal evaluations of youth development  
11 programs have documented significant reductions in  
12 drug and alcohol use, school misbehavior, aggressive  
13 behavior, violence, truancy, high-risk sexual behav-  
14 ior, and smoking;

15          (10) compared to American youth generally,  
16 youth participating in community-based organiza-  
17 tions are more than 26 percent more likely to report  
18 having received recognition for good grades than  
19 American youth generally and nearly 20 percent  
20 more likely to rate the likelihood of their going to  
21 college as “very high”;

22          (11) a partnership between the public and pri-  
23 vate sector to promote access to the full array of  
24 core resources for youth who need such resources is

1 necessary because the private sector alone does not  
2 have the capacity to promote such access; and

3 (12) the availability and use of Federal re-  
4 sources can be an effective incentive to leverage  
5 broader community support to enable local pro-  
6 grams, activities and services to provide the full  
7 array of developmental core resources, remove bar-  
8 riers to access, promote program effectiveness, and  
9 facilitate coordination and collaboration within the  
10 community.

11 **SEC. 104. DEFINITIONS.**

12 In this Act:

13 (1) AREA AGENCY ON YOUTH.—The term “area  
14 agency on youth” means an area agency on youth  
15 designated under section 304(a)(2)(A).

16 (2) ASSOCIATE COMMISSIONER.—The term “As-  
17 sociate Commissioner” means the Associate Commis-  
18 sioner of the Family and Youth Services Bureau of  
19 the Administration on Children, Youth, and Families  
20 of the Department of Health and Human Services.

21 (3) COMMUNITY-BASED.—The term “commu-  
22 nity-based”, used with respect to an organization,  
23 means an organization that—

24 (A) is representative of a community or  
25 significant segment of a community; and

1 (B) is engaged in providing services to the  
2 community.

3 (4) COMMUNITY BOARD.—The term “commu-  
4 nity board” means a community board established in  
5 accordance with section 307(a).

6 (5) DIRECTOR.—The term “Director” means  
7 the Director of the Office on National Youth Policy.

8 (6) FUNDING AND COORDINATING AGENCY.—  
9 The term “funding and coordinating agency” means  
10 an organization directed by a board with a wide rep-  
11 resentation from the community which generates  
12 and distributes charitable health and human service  
13 funds for diverse human service programs and co-  
14 ordinates the efforts of multiple agencies as needed  
15 or called upon but does not itself provide direct serv-  
16 ices to children, youth, or their families.

17 (7) INDIAN.—The term “Indian” has the mean-  
18 ing given the term in section 4(d) of the Indian Self-  
19 Determination and Education Assistance Act (25  
20 U.S.C. 450b(d)).

21 (8) NATIVE AMERICAN ORGANIZATION.—The  
22 term “Native American organization” means—

23 (A) a tribal organization, as defined in sec-  
24 tion 4(l) of the Indian Self-Determination and  
25 Education Assistance Act (25 U.S.C. 450b(l));

1 (B) a Native Hawaiian Organization, as  
2 defined in section 4009(4) of the Augustus F.  
3 Hawkins-Robert T. Stafford Elementary and  
4 Secondary School Improvement Amendments of  
5 1988 (20 U.S.C. 4909(4));

6 (C) an Alaska Native Village Corporation  
7 or Regional Corporation as defined in or estab-  
8 lished pursuant to the Alaskan Native Claims  
9 Settlement Act (43 U.S.C. 1601 et seq.); or

10 (D) a private nonprofit organization estab-  
11 lished for the purpose of serving youth who are  
12 Indians or Native Hawaiians.

13 (9) NATIVE HAWAIIAN.—The term “Native Ha-  
14 waiian” has the meaning given the term in section  
15 4009(1) of the Augustus F. Hawkins-Robert T.  
16 Stafford Elementary and Secondary School Improve-  
17 ment Amendments of 1988 (20 U.S.C. 4909(1)).

18 (10) OFFICE.—The term “Office” means the  
19 Office of National Youth Policy.

20 (11) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary”  
21 means the Secretary of Health and Human Services.

22 (12) STATE.—The term “State” means each of  
23 the several States of the United States, the District  
24 of Columbia, and the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico.

1           (13) UNIT OF GENERAL PURPOSE LOCAL GOV-  
2           ERNMENT.—The term “unit of general purpose local  
3           government” means—

4                   (A) a political subdivision of a State whose  
5                   authority is general and not limited to only 1  
6                   function or combination of related functions; or

7                   (B) a Native American organization.

8           (14) YOUTH.—The term “youth” means an in-  
9           dividual who is not younger than age 10 and not  
10          older than age 19.

11          (15) YOUTH DEVELOPMENT ORGANIZATION.—  
12          The term “youth development”, used with respect to  
13          an organization, means a public or private youth-  
14          serving organization with a major emphasis on pro-  
15          viding youth development programs.

16          (16) YOUTH DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS.—The  
17          term “youth development programs” means pro-  
18          grams that prepare youth to contribute to their com-  
19          munities and to meet the challenges of adolescence  
20          and adulthood through a structured, progressive se-  
21          ries of activities and experiences that (in contrast to  
22          deficit-based approaches that focus solely on youth  
23          problems)—



1 (A) help the youth obtain social, emotional,  
2 ethical, physical, and cognitive competencies;  
3 and

4 (B) address the broader developmental re-  
5 sources all children and youth need, such as the  
6 core resources described in section 101.

7 (17) YOUTH-SERVING ORGANIZATION.—The  
8 term “youth-serving”, used with respect to an orga-  
9 nization, means a public or private organization with  
10 a primary focus on providing youth development pro-  
11 grams, or health, mental health, fitness, education,  
12 workforce preparation, substance abuse prevention,  
13 child welfare, psychological, parenting, recreation,  
14 teen pregnancy prevention, rehabilitative, or residen-  
15 tial services, to youth.

## 16 **TITLE II—COORDINATION OF** 17 **NATIONAL YOUTH POLICY**

### 18 **SEC. 201. OFFICE ON NATIONAL YOUTH POLICY.**

19 (a) ESTABLISHMENT.—There is established in the  
20 Executive Office of the President an Office of National  
21 Youth Policy.

22 (b) ADMINISTRATION.—The Office of National Youth  
23 Policy established under subsection (a) shall be adminis-  
24 tered by a Director who shall be appointed by the Presi-  
25 dent with the advice and consent of the Senate.

1       (c) RESPONSIBILITIES.—The Director appointed  
2 under subsection (b) shall—

3           (1) establish, in cooperation with the Associate  
4 Commissioner, policies, objectives, and priorities for  
5 programs funded under this Act;

6           (2) serve as an effective and visible advocate for  
7 youth in the Federal Government, and with other  
8 departments, agencies, and instrumentalities of the  
9 Federal Government, by actively reviewing and com-  
10 menting on all Federal policies affecting youth;

11          (3) develop mechanisms to resolve administra-  
12 tive and programmatic conflicts between Federal  
13 programs that would be barriers to parents, commu-  
14 nity-based, youth-serving, and youth development or-  
15 ganizations, local government entities, education en-  
16 tities, older adult organizations, faith-based organi-  
17 zations, and organizations supporting youth in serv-  
18 ice related to the coordination of services and fund-  
19 ing for programs promoting access to the full array  
20 of core resources described in section 102 of this  
21 Act; and

22          (4) consult with and assist State and local gov-  
23 ernments with respect to barriers they encounter re-  
24 lated to the coordination of services and funding for  
25 programs under this Act.

1 (d) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—For the  
2 purposes of carrying out this title, there are authorized  
3 to be appropriated \$500,000 for fiscal year 2001 and such  
4 sums as may be necessary for each of the 4 succeeding  
5 fiscal years, to remain available until expended.

6 **SEC. 202. COUNCIL ON NATIONAL YOUTH POLICY.**

7 (a) ESTABLISHMENT.—

8 (1) IN GENERAL.—There is hereby established  
9 in the Office a Council on National Youth Policy  
10 (referred to in this section as the “Council”).

11 (2) COMPOSITION.—

12 (A) NUMBER.—The Council shall be com-  
13 posed of 12 members.

14 (B) QUALIFICATIONS.—The President  
15 shall appoint the 12 members of the Council  
16 from among—

17 (i) individuals who have expertise or  
18 experience with youth development or  
19 youth-serving programs, especially those  
20 serving rural and inner-city urban youth;

21 (ii) representatives of national organi-  
22 zations with an interest in youth develop-  
23 ment programs;

24 (iii) representatives of business;

25 (iv) representatives of minorities; and

1 (v) parents.

2 (C) AGE.—At least  $\frac{1}{3}$  of the individuals  
3 appointed shall be younger than age 21 at the  
4 time of appointment.

5 (D) LIMITATIONS.—No full-time officer or  
6 employee of the Federal Government may be  
7 appointed to be a member of the Council.

8 (b) APPOINTMENT AND TERMS.—

9 (1) TERMS.—Except as otherwise provided in  
10 this section, a member of the Council shall serve for  
11 a term of 3 years, which shall end on March 31 re-  
12 gardless of the actual date of the appointment of the  
13 member.

14 (2) SERVICE.—Members of the Council shall  
15 serve without regard to the provisions of title 5,  
16 United States Code.

17 (c) SERVICE DURING VACANCIES.—Any member ap-  
18 pointed to fill a vacancy occurring prior to the expiration  
19 of the term for which such member's predecessor was ap-  
20 pointed shall be appointed for the remainder of such term.  
21 Members shall be eligible for appointment and may con-  
22 tinue to serve after the expiration of their terms until their  
23 successors have taken office.

24 (d) VACANCIES.—Any vacancy in the Council shall  
25 not affect the powers of the Council, but shall be filled

1 in the same manner as the original appointment was  
2 made.

3 (e) CHAIRPERSON.—The President shall designate a  
4 Chairperson for the Council from among the members ap-  
5 pointed to the Council.

6 (f) MEETINGS.—The Council shall meet at the call  
7 of the Chairperson at least twice a year.

8 (g) DUTIES.—The Council shall—

9 (1) advise and assist the President on matters  
10 regarding the core resources youth need and the ca-  
11 pacity of youth to contribute to the Nation and their  
12 communities;

13 (2) directly advise the Director and the Asso-  
14 ciate Commissioner on matters affecting the youth  
15 development needs of youth for services and assist-  
16 ance under this Act;

17 (3) make recommendations to the President, to  
18 the Director, to the Secretary, to the Associate Com-  
19 missioner, and to Congress with respect to Federal  
20 policies regarding youth; and

21 (4) provide public forums for discussion, pub-  
22 licize the core resources youth need, and obtain in-  
23 formation relating to assuring all youth access to the  
24 full array of core resources described in section 102,  
25 by conducting public hearings, and by conducting or

1       sponsoring conferences, workshops, and other such  
2       meetings.

3       (h) TRAVEL EXPENSES.—Members of the Council  
4 shall not receive compensation for the performance of  
5 services for the Council, but shall be allowed travel ex-  
6 penses, including per diem in lieu of subsistence, at rates  
7 authorized for employees of agencies under subchapter I  
8 of chapter 57 of title 5, United States Code, while away  
9 from their homes or regular places of business in the per-  
10 formance of services for the Council. Notwithstanding sec-  
11 tion 1342 of title 31, United States Code, the Director  
12 may accept the voluntary and uncompensated services of  
13 members of the Council.

14       (i) REPORTS.—Not later than March 31 of 2002 and  
15 each subsequent year, the Council shall prepare and sub-  
16 mit to the President an annual report of the findings and  
17 recommendations of the Council. The President shall  
18 transmit each such report to Congress together with com-  
19 ments and recommendations.

20       (j) PERMANENT COMMITTEE.—Section 14 of the  
21 Federal Advisory Committee Act (5 U.S.C. App.) shall not  
22 apply to the Council.

23       (k) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There  
24 are authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section

1 \$250,000 for fiscal year 2001 and such sums as may be  
2 necessary for fiscal years 2002 through 2005.

3 **TITLE III—GRANTS FOR STATE**  
4 **AND COMMUNITY PROGRAMS**

5 **SEC. 301. PURPOSE.**

6 The purpose of this title is to encourage and assist  
7 State agencies, community boards, and area agencies on  
8 youth to mobilize and support communities in planning,  
9 implementing, and being accountable for strategies that  
10 link community-based organizations, local government,  
11 volunteer centers, schools, faith-based organizations, busi-  
12 ness, and other segments of the community in assuring  
13 that all youth have access to the full array of core re-  
14 sources consisting of—

- 15 (1) ongoing relationships with caring adults;  
16 (2) safe places with structured activities;  
17 (3) access to services that promote healthy life-  
18 styles, including those designed to improve physical  
19 and mental health;  
20 (4) opportunities to acquire marketable skills  
21 and competencies; and  
22 (5) opportunities for community service and  
23 civic participation.

1 **SEC. 302. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

2       There are authorized to be appropriated to carry out  
3 this title \$500,000,000 for fiscal year 2001, \$750,000,000  
4 for fiscal year 2002, \$1,000,000,000 for fiscal year 2003,  
5 \$1,500,000,000 for fiscal year 2004, and \$2,000,000,000  
6 for fiscal year 2005.

7 **SEC. 303. ALLOTMENTS TO STATES.**

8       (a) RESERVATIONS.—From sums appropriated under  
9 section 302 for each fiscal year, the Associate Commis-  
10 sioner shall reserve—

11           (1) 95 percent of the sums for allotments to  
12 States to enable the States to make allocations to  
13 area agencies on youth;

14           (2) 1 percent of the sums for grants to Native  
15 American organizations to carry out activities con-  
16 sistent with the objectives of this title;

17           (3) 1 percent of the sums for grants to outlying  
18 areas to carry out activities consistent with the ob-  
19 jectives of this title; and

20           (4) 3 percent of the sums for Federal discre-  
21 tionary programs aimed at demonstrating ways to  
22 respond to the special developmental needs of  
23 youth—

24               (A) in correctional facilities and other out-  
25 of-home residential settings;



1 (B) in areas with high concentrations of  
2 poverty;

3 (C) in rural areas; and

4 (D) in situations where youth are at higher  
5 risk due to abuse, neglect, disconnection from  
6 family, disconnection from school, or another  
7 community risk factor.

8 (b) USE OF FUNDS.—For each fiscal year for which  
9 a State receives a State allotment, the State shall ensure  
10 that funds shall be used for the purpose of conducting  
11 community-based youth development programs that—

12 (1) recognize the primary role of the family in  
13 positive youth development in order to strengthen  
14 families;

15 (2) promote the involvement of youth (including  
16 program participants), parents, and other commu-  
17 nity members in the planning and implementation of  
18 the programs, activities, and services;

19 (3) coordinate services with other youth and  
20 family services in the community;

21 (4) eliminate barriers, such as transportation,  
22 cost, and service delivery location to the access of  
23 core youth development services;

24 (5) provide, directly or through written con-  
25 tract, a broad variety of accessible programs, activi-

1 ties, and services for youth that are designed to as-  
2 sist youth in acquiring skills and competencies nec-  
3 essary to make a successful transition from child-  
4 hood to adulthood;

5 (6) incorporate activities that foster relation-  
6 ships between positive adult role models and youth,  
7 provide age-appropriate activities, engage youth in,  
8 and promote, positive youth development, including  
9 activities such as—

10 (A) youth clubs, character development ac-  
11 tivities, mentoring, community service, leader-  
12 ship development, recreation, literacy and edu-  
13 cational tutoring;

14 (B) sports, workforce readiness, peer coun-  
15 seling, fine and performing arts; and

16 (C) camping and environmental education,  
17 cultural enrichment, risk avoidance programs,  
18 academic enrichment, and participant-defined  
19 special interest groups, courses, or club; and

20 (7) employ strong outreach efforts to engage  
21 the participation of a wide range of youth, families,  
22 and service providers.

23 (c) ALLOTMENTS.—

24 (1) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in para-  
25 graph (2), from sums reserved under subsection

1 (a)(1), the Associate Commissioner shall allot to  
2 each State the sum (referred to in this title as the  
3 “State allotment”) of—

4 (A) an amount that bears the same rela-  
5 tion to  $\frac{1}{2}$  of the reserved sums as the number  
6 of individuals who are not younger than age 10  
7 and not older than age 19 in the State bears  
8 to the number of such individuals in all the  
9 States; and

10 (B) an amount that bears the same rela-  
11 tion to  $\frac{1}{2}$  of the reserved sums as the number  
12 of youth who are receiving free or reduced price  
13 lunches under the school lunch program estab-  
14 lished under the Richard B. Russell National  
15 School Lunch Act (42 U.S.C. 1751 et seq.) in  
16 the State bears to the number of such youth in  
17 all the States.

18 (2) STATE MINIMUM.—No State shall be allot-  
19 ted less than 0.40 percent of the reserved sums for  
20 a fiscal year.

21 (3) DETERMINATIONS.—For purposes of this  
22 subsection, the number of individuals in the State  
23 who are not younger than age 10 and not older than  
24 age 19 in any State and in all the States, and the  
25 number of youth who are receiving free or reduced

1 price lunches under the school lunch program estab-  
2 lished under the Richard B. Russell National School  
3 Lunch Act in any State and in all the States, shall  
4 be determined by the Associate Commissioner on the  
5 basis of the most recent data available from the Bu-  
6 reau of the Census, and other reliable demographic  
7 data satisfactory to the Associate Commissioner.

8 (d) REALLOTMENTS.—Whenever the Associate Com-  
9 missioner determines that any amount allotted to a State  
10 for a fiscal year under this section will not be used by  
11 such State for carrying out the purpose for which the al-  
12 lotment was made, the Associate Commissioner shall make  
13 such amount available for carrying out such purpose to  
14 1 or more other States to the extent the Associate Com-  
15 missioner determines that such other States will be able  
16 to use such amount for carrying out such purpose.

17 (e) WITHHOLDING.—If the Associate Commissioner  
18 finds that any State has failed to meet the State plan re-  
19 quirements of section 305 or the Associate Commissioner  
20 does not approve the in-State funding formula required  
21 under section 306(b), the Associate Commissioner shall  
22 withhold the State allotment from such State. The Asso-  
23 ciate Commissioner shall disburse the funds withheld di-  
24 rectly to any entity that is a public or private institution,  
25 organization, or agency, or unit of general local govern-

1 ment of such State that submits an approved plan de-  
2 scribed in section 308, if the plan includes an agreement  
3 that the entity will make available (directly or through do-  
4 nations from public or private entities) non-Federal con-  
5 tributions, in cash or in kind, in an amount equal to a  
6 percentage determined for the State of the funds.

7 **SEC. 304. STATE AGENCIES AND PLANNING AND MOBILIZA-**  
8 **TION AREAS.**

9 (a) STATE AGENCIES.—In order for a State to be eli-  
10 gible to receive a State allotment under this title—

11 (1) the State shall, in accordance with regula-  
12 tions issued by the Associate Commissioner, des-  
13 ignate a State agency as the sole State agency to—

14 (A) develop a State plan to be submitted  
15 to the Associate Commissioner for approval  
16 pursuant to section 305;

17 (B) administer the plan in the State;

18 (C) be primarily responsible for the plan-  
19 ning, policy development, administration, co-  
20 ordination, priority setting, and evaluation of  
21 all State activities related to the objectives of  
22 this Act;

23 (D) serve as an effective and visible advo-  
24 cate for youth by reviewing and commenting on

1 all State plans, budgets, and policies that affect  
2 youth; and

3 (E) divide the State into distinct planning  
4 and mobilization areas, after considering the  
5 views offered by units of general purpose local  
6 government and appropriate public or private  
7 agencies and organizations in the State, in ac-  
8 cordance with regulations issued by the Asso-  
9 ciate Commissioner; and

10 (2) the State agency shall—

11 (A) designate for each such area, after  
12 consideration of the views offered by the units  
13 of general local government and by agencies  
14 and organizations in such areas, a public or pri-  
15 vate nonprofit agency or organization to serve  
16 as the area agency on youth for such area;

17 (B) provide assurances that the State  
18 agency will solicit and take into account, with  
19 regard to general policy related to the develop-  
20 ment and the administration of the State plan  
21 for any fiscal year, the views of youth who are  
22 the recipients of services provided for in the  
23 plan;

24 (C) in accordance with guidelines issued by  
25 the Associate Commissioner, make allocations

1 to designated area agencies on youth with mobi-  
2 lization and planning areas pursuant to section  
3 306(b);

4 (D) provide reasonable assurances that  
5 Federal funds made available under this title  
6 for the State for any period will be used to sup-  
7 plement, and not supplant, the State, local, and  
8 other funds that would in the absence of such  
9 Federal funds be made available for the pro-  
10 grams, services, and activities described in this  
11 title;

12 (E) coordinate the activities of the State  
13 agency with other State agencies and offices,  
14 including—

15 (i) State Commissions on National  
16 and Community Service established under  
17 section 178 of the National and Commu-  
18 nity Service Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C.  
19 12638);

20 (ii) entities carrying out programs  
21 under the Runaway and Homeless Youth  
22 Act (42 U.S.C. 5701 et seq.) and other  
23 programs under the Juvenile Justice and  
24 Delinquency Prevention Act of 1974 (42  
25 U.S.C. 5601 et seq.);

1 (iii) entities carrying out independent  
2 living programs;

3 (iv) entities carrying out foster care  
4 programs;

5 (v) youth councils established under  
6 section 117(h) of the Workforce Invest-  
7 ment Act of 1998 (29 U.S.C. 2832(h));  
8 and

9 (vi) entities carrying out 21st Century  
10 Community Learning Centers under part I  
11 of title X of the Elementary and Secondary  
12 Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 8241 et  
13 seq.); and

14 (F) compile reports from area agencies on  
15 youth, including outcome data and evaluation  
16 information regarding programs funded under  
17 this title, and provide an annual report to the  
18 Associate Commissioner, and provide a copy of  
19 such report to the Director.

20 (b) PLANNING AND MOBILIZATION AREAS.—

21 (1) UNIT OF GENERAL PURPOSE LOCAL GOV-  
22 ERNMENT.—

23 (A) CRITERIA.—In carrying out subsection  
24 (a)(1), the State agency may designate as a  
25 planning and mobilization area any unit of gen-



1           eral purpose local government that has a popu-  
2           lation of 100,000 or more. In particular, the  
3           State agency may designate such a unit as a  
4           planning and mobilization area if the unit has  
5           been engaged in youth development program  
6           planning and mobilization, such as a “commu-  
7           nity of promise” coordinated by America’s  
8           Promise: the Alliance for Youth.

9           (B) HEARING.—In any case in which a  
10          unit of general local government applies to the  
11          State agency to be designated as a planning  
12          and mobilization area under this paragraph, the  
13          State agency shall, upon request, provide an op-  
14          portunity for a hearing to such unit of general  
15          purpose local government.

16          (2) REGION.—The State agency may designate  
17          as a planning and mobilization area under sub-  
18          section (a)(1) any region in the State that includes  
19          1 or more units of general purpose local government  
20          if the State agency determines that the designation  
21          of such a regional planning and mobilization area is  
22          necessary for, and will enhance, the effective admin-  
23          istration of the programs authorized by this title.

24          (3) ADDITIONAL AREAS.—The State agency  
25          may include in any planning and mobilization area

1 designated under subsection (a)(1) such additional  
2 areas adjacent to a unit of general purpose local  
3 government or as the State agency determines to be  
4 necessary for and will enhance the effective adminis-  
5 tration of the programs authorized by this title.

6 (4) INDIAN RESERVATIONS.—The State agency,  
7 in carrying out subsection (a)(1), shall to the extent  
8 practicable include all portions of an Indian reserva-  
9 tion in a single planning and mobilization area.

10 **SEC. 305. STATE PLANS.**

11 (a) IN GENERAL.—To be eligible to receive a State  
12 allotment under this title, a State shall submit to the Asso-  
13 ciate Commissioner a State plan, for a 2-, 3-, or 4-year  
14 period determined by the State agency, at such time, in  
15 such manner, and meeting such criteria as the Associate  
16 Commissioner may by regulation prescribe, and shall make  
17 such annual revisions as may be necessary to the plan.

18 (b) CONTENTS.—Each such State plan shall contain  
19 assurances that the plan is based on area plans developed  
20 under section 308 by area agencies on youth in the State  
21 and that the State has prepared and distributed a uniform  
22 format for use by area agencies on youth in developing  
23 the area plans.

1 **SEC. 306. DISTRIBUTION OF FUNDS FOR STATE ACTIVITIES**  
2 **AND LOCAL ALLOCATIONS.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—From a State allotment made  
4 under this title for any fiscal year—

5 (1)(A) the State agency may use such amount  
6 as the State agency determines to be appropriate,  
7 but not more than 7 percent, for the purposes of  
8 subparagraphs (B) and (C);

9 (B) the State agency may use such amount as  
10 the State agency determines to be appropriate, but  
11 not more than 4 percent of the State allotment, for  
12 paying the cost of—

13 (i) reviewing area plans and distributing  
14 funds to area agencies on youth; and

15 (ii) assisting community boards and area  
16 agencies on youth in carrying out activities  
17 under this title; and

18 (C) the State agency may use such amount as  
19 the State agency determines to be appropriate, but  
20 not less than 3 percent and not more than 7 percent  
21 of the State allotment, for making State discre-  
22 tionary grants to respond to the special develop-  
23 mental needs of youth—

24 (i) in correctional facilities and other out-  
25 of-home residential settings;

1 (ii) in areas with high concentrations of  
2 poverty;

3 (iii) in rural areas; and

4 (iv) in situations where youth are at great-  
5 er risk due to abuse, neglect, disconnection  
6 from family, disconnection from school, or an-  
7 other community risk factor; and

8 (2) the State agency shall use the remainder of  
9 such allotment to make allocations under subsection  
10 (b) to area agencies on youth associated with plan-  
11 ning and mobilization areas, to pay for the cost of  
12 programs under this title that are specified in area  
13 plans that—

14 (A) are developed through a comprehensive  
15 and coordinated system of planning;

16 (B) have been approved by the community  
17 board; and

18 (C) have been approved by the State agen-  
19 cy.

20 (b) ALLOCATIONS.—From the remainder of the State  
21 allotment described in subsection (a)(2), the State agency,  
22 using the best available data, shall allocate for each plan-  
23 ning and mobilization area in the State—

24 (1) an amount that bears the same relation to  
25  $\frac{1}{2}$  of the remainder as the number of individuals

1 who are not younger than age 10 and not older than  
2 age 19 in the planning and mobilization area bears  
3 to the number of such individuals in the State; and

4 (2) an amount that bears the same relation to  
5  $\frac{1}{2}$  of the remainder as the number of youth who are  
6 receiving free or reduced price lunches under the  
7 school lunch program established under the Richard  
8 B. Russell National School Lunch Act (42 U.S.C.  
9 1751 et seq.) in the planning and mobilization area  
10 bears to the number of such youth in the State.

11 (c) NON-FEDERAL SHARE.—A State that uses funds  
12 under this title for the purposes of section 306(a)(1)(B)  
13 shall match such sums so used on a dollar-for-dollar basis  
14 in cash.

15 **SEC. 307. COMMUNITY BOARDS AND AREA AGENCIES ON**  
16 **YOUTH.**

17 (a) COMMUNITY BOARD.—

18 (1) SELECTION.—

19 (A) LOCAL GOVERNMENTS AND FUNDING  
20 AND COORDINATING AGENCIES.—Except as oth-  
21 erwise provided in this paragraph, in order to  
22 receive funds from a State pursuant to this  
23 title, a planning and mobilization area shall  
24 have a community board appointed and con-  
25 vened jointly by the chief executive officer of a

1 local funding and coordinating agency in the  
2 area and the chief executive officers of units of  
3 general local government in the area.

4 (B) PRIVATE AGENCIES AND LOCAL GOV-  
5 ERNMENTS.—In the event that a local funding  
6 and coordinating agency is not represented in  
7 the planning and mobilization area, or the chief  
8 executive officer of a local funding and coordi-  
9 nating agency in the area is unwilling or unable  
10 to participate in jointly appointing and con-  
11 vening the community board, the State agency,  
12 after consideration of the views offered by the  
13 units of general local government and by non-  
14 profit agencies and organizations in such area,  
15 shall designate a private nonprofit agency or or-  
16 ganization in the area to appoint and convene  
17 the community board jointly with the chief ex-  
18 ecutive officers of units of general local govern-  
19 ment in the area.

20 (C) LOCAL FUNDING AND COORDINATING  
21 AGENCIES AND PUBLIC ENTITIES.—In the event  
22 that a chief executive officer of a unit of gen-  
23 eral local government in the planning and mobi-  
24 lization area is unwilling or unable to partici-  
25 pate in jointly appointing and convening the

1 community board, the State agency, after con-  
2 sideration of the views offered by the units of  
3 general local government and by youth-serving  
4 agencies and organizations in such area, shall  
5 designate an executive official of a public entity  
6 in the area to appoint and convene the commu-  
7 nity board jointly with the chief executive offi-  
8 cer of a local funding and coordinating agency.

9 (D) EXISTING ENTITY.—An existing entity  
10 in the planning and mobilization area may serve  
11 as the community board if—

12 (i) such entity's membership meets  
13 the requirements for a community board or  
14 is adapted to meet such requirements;

15 (ii) such entity's membership was ap-  
16 pointed by the chief executive officer of a  
17 unit of general local government in the  
18 area;

19 (iii) such entity is approved by the  
20 State agency; and

21 (iv) such entity is approved by the  
22 chief executive officer of a local funding  
23 and coordinating agency, or by the chief  
24 executive officer of a private nonprofit  
25 agency or organization designated accord-

1           ing to subparagraph (B) in the event that  
2           a local funding and coordinating agency is  
3           not represented in the area or is unwilling  
4           or unable to consider the approval of the  
5           entity.

6           (2) COMPOSITION.—A community board shall  
7           consist of an equal number of local representatives  
8           from each of the following 3 groups:

9                   (A) A group comprised of individuals, in-  
10           cluding minority individuals, under age 21 at  
11           the time of their appointment.

12                   (B) A group comprised of representatives  
13           of—

14                           (i) private youth-serving and youth  
15           development organizations (in existence as  
16           of the date of appointment of the rep-  
17           resentatives to the board);

18                           (ii) public youth-serving and youth de-  
19           velopment organizations; and

20                           (iii) organizations supporting youth in  
21           service.

22                   (C) A group comprised of representatives  
23           of—

24                           (i) local elected officials;



- 1 (ii) educational entities, including
- 2 local, middle, and secondary schools, com-
- 3 munity colleges, colleges, and universities;
- 4 (iii) volunteer centers;
- 5 (iv) philanthropic organizations, in-
- 6 cluding community foundations;
- 7 (v) businesses and employee organiza-
- 8 tions;
- 9 (vi) faith-based organizations;
- 10 (vii) health and mental health agen-
- 11 cies; and
- 12 (viii) parents and grandparents.

13 (3) CHAIRPERSON.—After being appointed and  
14 convened, the community board shall elect a chair-  
15 person from among its membership.

16 (4) RESPONSIBILITIES.—Each community  
17 board in each planning and mobilization area shall  
18 have responsibility for supervising the preparation,  
19 submission, and implementation of the area plan de-  
20 scribed in section 308, including the approval of  
21 grants and contracts funded pursuant to this title  
22 within the planning and mobilization area.

23 (b) AREA AGENCY ON YOUTH.—An area agency on  
24 youth—

1           (1) shall serve as the fiscal agent for a planning  
2           and mobilization area;

3           (2) shall be under the supervision of the com-  
4           munity board for the planning and mobilization area  
5           with regard to activities conducted pursuant to this  
6           title;

7           (3) shall provide an assurance to the State  
8           agency, that is determined to be adequate by the  
9           State agency, that such area agency on youth will  
10          have the ability to develop an area plan for the plan-  
11          ning and mobilization area and to carry out, either  
12          directly or indirectly through contractual or other  
13          arrangements, a youth development program in ac-  
14          cordance with such plan; and

15          (4) shall compile reports from programs, serv-  
16          ices, and activities approved by the community board  
17          for funding under this Act, including outcome data  
18          and evaluation information regarding program ac-  
19          complishments, and provide an annual report to the  
20          State agency.

21          (c) COMMUNITY MOBILIZATION EXPENSES.—An  
22          area agency on youth may use not more than 10 percent  
23          of the allocation made to the agency under this title for  
24          expenses related to community mobilization, including  
25          generating additional commitments of cash and in-kind re-

1 sources, administration, planning, monitoring, and evalua-  
2 tion.

3 **SEC. 308. AREA PLANS.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—Each area agency on youth for  
5 a planning and mobilization area shall, in order to be ap-  
6 proved by the State agency and receive an allocation under  
7 this title, develop, prepare, and submit to the State agency  
8 an area plan, approved by the community board, for the  
9 planning and mobilization area. Such plan shall be for a  
10 2-, 3-, or 4-year period determined by the State agency,  
11 with such annual revisions as may be necessary. Each  
12 such plan shall be based upon a uniform format for area  
13 plans in the State prepared in accordance with section  
14 305(b).

15 (b) CONTENTS.—Each such plan shall—

16 (1) provide specific outcome objectives for youth  
17 development programs, services, and activities to be  
18 carried out in the planning and mobilization area,  
19 based on an assessment of needs and resources, suf-  
20 ficient to assure that all youth in the area have ac-  
21 cess through a comprehensive and coordinated sys-  
22 tem to the full array of core resources that consist  
23 of—

24 (A) ongoing relationships with caring  
25 adults;

1 (B) safe places with structured activities;

2 (C) access to services that promote healthy  
3 lifestyles, including those designed to improve  
4 physical and mental health;

5 (D) opportunities to acquire marketable  
6 skills and competencies; and

7 (E) opportunities for community service  
8 and civic participation;

9 (2) provide an assurance that, in awarding  
10 grants and contracts to entities to implement the  
11 area plan to provide youth with access to core re-  
12 sources described in paragraph (1) through youth  
13 development programs, the agency will give priority  
14 to entities as described in section 310(b);

15 (3) provide that not less than 30 percent of the  
16 funds allocated for the planning and mobilization  
17 area will be used for youth development programs  
18 that respond to the special developmental needs of  
19 youth—

20 (A) in correctional facilities and other out-  
21 of-home residential settings;

22 (B) in areas with high concentrations of  
23 poverty;

24 (C) in rural areas; and

1 (D) in situations where youth are at higher  
2 risk due to abuse, neglect, disconnection from  
3 family, disconnection from school, or another  
4 community risk factor;

5 (4) provide assurances that youth engaged in  
6 programs carried out under the area plan will be  
7 treated equitably;

8 (5) contain strategies for mobilizing and coordi-  
9 nating community resources to meet the outcome ob-  
10 jectives;

11 (6) describe activities for which funds made  
12 available through the allocation will be used to fill  
13 gaps between unmet needs and available resources;

14 (7) describe the inclusive process used by the  
15 area agency on youth to engage all segments of the  
16 communities in the planning and mobilization area  
17 in developing the area plan;

18 (8) provide measures of program effectiveness  
19 to be used in evaluating the progress of the pro-  
20 grams, services, and activities approved by the com-  
21 munity board in the area in assuring access for all  
22 youth to the full array of core resources described in  
23 paragraph (1), including specific measures for pro-  
24 viding access to such resources for youth living in  
25 areas with high concentrations of poverty;

1           (9) describe how local requirements for pro-  
2       viding matching funds will be achieved, how re-  
3       sources will be leveraged, and the uses to which  
4       matching funds and leveraged resources will be ap-  
5       plied, in carrying out the area plan;

6           (10) provide for the establishment and mainte-  
7       nance of outreach sufficient to ensure that youth  
8       and their families in the planning and mobilization  
9       area are aware of programs providing access to the  
10      core resources described in paragraph (1);

11          (11) provide that the area agency on youth,  
12      under the supervision of the community board,  
13      will—

14            (A) conduct periodic evaluations of, and  
15            public hearings on, activities carried out under  
16            the area plan;

17            (B) furnish technical assistance to entities  
18            within the planning and mobilization area car-  
19            rying out programs under this title;

20            (C) establish effective and efficient proce-  
21            dures for the coordination of—

22              (i) entities carrying out programs  
23              under this title within the planning and  
24              mobilization area; and

1 (ii) entities carrying out other Federal  
2 programs for youth within the planning  
3 and mobilization area;

4 (D) conduct outreach, to identify youth in  
5 the area and inform the youth of the avail-  
6 ability of resources under this Act; and

7 (E) take into account in connection with  
8 matters of general policy arising in the develop-  
9 ment and administration of the area plan, the  
10 views of youth who have participated in pro-  
11 grams pursuant to the plan; and

12 (12) provide for the utilization of entities car-  
13 rying out volunteer service centers and organizations  
14 supporting youth in service in the area to—

15 (A) encourage and enlist the services of  
16 local volunteer groups to provide assistance and  
17 services appropriate to the unique develop-  
18 mental needs of youth in the planning and mo-  
19 bilization area;

20 (B) encourage, organize, and promote  
21 youth to serve as volunteers to communities in  
22 the area; and

23 (C) promote recognition of the contribution  
24 made by younger volunteers to programs ad-

1 ministered in the planning and mobilization  
2 area.

3 **SEC. 309. GRANTS AND CONTRACTS TO ELIGIBLE ENTITIES.**

4 (a) REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS.—In implementing an  
5 area plan, once the plan has been submitted to and ap-  
6 proved by the State agency, an area agency on youth,  
7 under the supervision of a community board, shall issue  
8 a request for proposals to award grants and contracts to  
9 eligible entities to carry out youth development programs  
10 under the plan.

11 (b) GRANTS AND CONTRACTS.—The area agency on  
12 youth, under the supervision of the community board,  
13 shall use the funds made available through the allocation  
14 made to the agency under this title to award grants on  
15 a competitive basis and contracts to eligible entities to pay  
16 for the Federal share of the cost of carrying out the youth  
17 development programs. From funds made available to the  
18 area agency on youth, not more than 50 percent may be  
19 awarded to a single grantee except if such grantee is a  
20 collaboration as described in section 310(a)(1) or approved  
21 by the Assistant Secretary.

22 (c) PERIOD.—The area agency on youth may award  
23 such a grant or contract for a period of not more than  
24 4 years. The area agency on youth, under the supervision  
25 of the community board and after reviewing the reports



1 and evaluation information pursuant to section 307(b)(4)  
2 of this Act, may terminate the funding made available  
3 through such grant or contract during such grant or con-  
4 tract period for a program if the program fails to comply  
5 with the requirements of this Act or if insufficient Federal  
6 funds are appropriated under section 302 to permit con-  
7 tinuation of funding.

8 (d) FEDERAL SHARE.—

9 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Federal share of the  
10 cost of carrying out a program described in this sec-  
11 tion shall be—

12 (A) 80 percent for the first and second  
13 year for which the program receives funding  
14 under this section;

15 (B) 70 percent for the third such year;

16 (C) 60 percent for the fourth year; and

17 (D) 50 percent for any subsequent year.

18 (2) NON-FEDERAL SHARE.—An entity that re-  
19 ceives a grant or contract under this section may  
20 provide for the non-Federal share of the cost from  
21 non-Federal sources (which may include State or  
22 local public sources) in cash or in kind, fairly evalu-  
23 ated, including facilities, equipment, or services.

24 (3) ADJUSTMENTS.—A State agency and the  
25 Associate Commissioner may jointly adjust the Fed-

1       eral share of the cost that applies to an entity that  
2       receives a grant or contract under this section from  
3       an area agency on youth, in the event that the agen-  
4       cy demonstrates significant economic need sufficient  
5       to cause difficulties in area plan implementation.

6   **SEC. 310. ELIGIBLE ENTITIES.**

7       (a) IN GENERAL.—To be eligible to receive a grant  
8       or contract under section 309, an entity shall be—

9               (1) a consortium of community-based youth-  
10       serving or youth development organizations, public  
11       agencies, health and mental health agencies, edu-  
12       cation entities including community colleges, col-  
13       leges, and universities, volunteer centers, faith-based  
14       organizations, older adult organizations, or organiza-  
15       tions supporting youth in service; or

16              (2) a community-based public or private youth-  
17       serving or youth development organization.

18       (b) PRIORITY.—In awarding grants and contracts  
19       under section 309, an area agency on youth shall give pri-  
20       ority to—

21              (1) entities that carry out programs in the ex-  
22       isting health and human service infrastructure (as of  
23       the date of submission of the area plan) that use  
24       proven methods and materials supported by evalua-

1       tion and have proven records of effective service de-  
 2       livery and sustainability; and

3           (2) entities that submit applications under sec-  
 4       tion 311 that—

5           (A) evidence collaboration among commu-  
 6       nity agencies in providing services under an  
 7       area plan; and

8           (B) are outcome driven.

9       (c) ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES.—An entity that re-  
 10      ceives a grant or contract under section 309 may use up  
 11      to 5 percent of the funds received through the grant or  
 12      contract for the cost of administrative expenses.

13      (d) LIMITATION.—A for-profit entity that receives a  
 14      grant or contract under section 309 may not use funds  
 15      made available through the grant or contract for the pur-  
 16      poses of generating additional profits.

17   **SEC. 311. APPLICATIONS.**

18       To be eligible to receive a grant or contract under  
 19      section 309 to carry out youth development programs  
 20      under an area plan, an entity shall submit an application  
 21      to the area agency on youth for the area at such time,  
 22      in such manner, and containing such information as the  
 23      area agency on youth, under the direction of the commu-  
 24      nity board, and the appropriate State agency, may reason-  
 25      ably require.

1 **SEC. 312. YOUTH DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS.**

2 (a) ACCESS.—An entity that receives a grant or con-  
3 tract to carry out a program under section 309 shall im-  
4 plement a program that promotes, either directly, through  
5 contract, or indirectly through collaboration with other  
6 community entities, access to the full array of core re-  
7 sources specified in section 101.

8 (b) ACTIVITIES.—An entity that receives a grant or  
9 contract to carry out a program under section 309 may  
10 include among eligible activities, which are part of an ef-  
11 fort to provide access to the full array of core resources  
12 specified in section 101—

13 (1) character development and ethical enrich-  
14 ment activities;

15 (2) mentoring activities, including one-to-one  
16 relationship building and tutoring;

17 (3) provision and support of community youth  
18 centers and clubs;

19 (4) nonschool hours, weekend, and summer pro-  
20 grams and camps;

21 (5) sports, recreation, and other activities pro-  
22 moting physical fitness and teamwork;

23 (6) services that promote health and healthy de-  
24 velopment and behavior on the part of youth, includ-  
25 ing risk avoidance programs;

1           (7) academic enrichment, peer counseling and  
2     teaching, and literacy;

3           (8) camping and environmental education;

4           (9) cultural enrichment, including music, fine  
5     and performing arts;

6           (10) workforce preparation, youth entrepreneur-  
7     ship, and technological and vocational skill building,  
8     including computer skills;

9           (11) opportunities for community service aimed  
10    at involving youth in providing the full array of core  
11    resources described in section 101 to other youth, in-  
12    cluding opportunities provided in conjunction with  
13    activities being performed by entities under the Na-  
14    tional and Community Service Act of 1990 (42 U.S.  
15    C. 12501 et seq.);

16          (12) opportunities that engage youth in civic  
17    participation and as partners in decision-making, es-  
18    pecially opportunities with respect to programs and  
19    strategies that seek to offer access to the full array  
20    of core resources described in section 102;

21          (13) special interest groups or courses, includ-  
22    ing video production, cooking, gardening, pet care,  
23    photography, and other youth-identified interests;

1           (14) efforts focused on building the capacity of  
2       community-based youth workers, utilizing commu-  
3       nity colleges, colleges, and universities;

4           (15) public and private youth led programs, in-  
5       cluding such programs provided by youth-serving or  
6       youth development organizations;

7           (16) transportation services to foster the par-  
8       ticipation of youth in youth development programs  
9       in the community;

10          (17) subsidies for youth from families that meet  
11       the income eligibility guidelines for a free or reduced  
12       price lunch under section 9(b) of the Richard B.  
13       Russell National School Lunch Act (42 U.S.C.  
14       1758(b)), if the provision of the subsidy allows the  
15       youth to fully participate in youth development pro-  
16       grams that are part of a strategy to promote access  
17       to the full array of core-resources described in sec-  
18       tion 102 of this Act;

19          (18) training or group counseling to assist  
20       youth by State certified counselors, psychologists, so-  
21       cial workers, or other State licensed or certified  
22       mental health professionals who are qualified under  
23       State law to provide such services to children and  
24       adolescents; and

1           (19) referrals to State certified counselors, psy-  
2           chologists, social workers, or other State licensed or  
3           certified mental health professionals or health pro-  
4           fessionals qualified under State law to provide such  
5           services to children and adolescents.

6                   **TITLE IV—TRAINING,**  
7           **RESEARCH, AND EVALUATION**

8   **SEC. 401. STATEMENT OF PURPOSE.**

9           The purpose of this title is to expand the Nation's  
10          knowledge and understanding of youth, youth development  
11          programs, and community mobilization aimed at providing  
12          all youth with access to the full array of core resources  
13          described in section 102 by—

14               (1) assisting States in evaluating the effective-  
15               ness of activities implemented under this Act, includ-  
16               ing the outcomes resulting from the activities;

17               (2) placing priority on the education and train-  
18               ing of personnel, with respect to youth development  
19               programs, to work with youth, with a special empha-  
20               sis on younger minority individuals and younger low-  
21               income individuals;

22               (3) conducting research and identifying effec-  
23               tive practices directly related to the field of youth  
24               development; and

1           (4) disseminating information acquired through  
2       such research.

3   **SEC. 402. GRANTS AND CONTRACTS.**

4       (a) IN GENERAL.—The Assistant Secretary may  
5       award grants and contracts to eligible entities to carry out  
6       evaluation, education and training, research, and dissemi-  
7       nation activities described in this section.

8       (b) EVALUATION.—

9           (1) SYSTEM.—The Associate Commissioner  
10       shall develop and establish a system for evaluating  
11       the effectiveness of activities implemented under this  
12       Act, including mechanisms for determining and  
13       measuring programmatic outcomes resulting from  
14       those activities.

15          (2) DISTRIBUTION.—In awarding grants and  
16       contracts under subsection (a), the Assistant Sec-  
17       retary shall use 50 percent of the funds appro-  
18       priated for carrying out this section for an equitable  
19       distribution among the States to allow State agen-  
20       cies to be responsible for evaluating the effectiveness  
21       of the activities implemented in the State under this  
22       Act.

23       (c) EDUCATION AND TRAINING.—The Associate  
24       Commissioner shall develop and establish a system for  
25       providing education and training of personnel of States,



1 area agencies on youth, and community boards to increase  
2 their capacity to work with youth, with a special emphasis  
3 on younger minority individuals and younger low-income  
4 individuals, in carrying out quality youth development pro-  
5 grams under this Act.

6 (d) IMPACT EVALUATION.—

7 (1) BIENNIAL EVALUATION.—The Associate  
8 Commissioner, in consultation with the Director and  
9 the National Council on Youth Policy, shall conduct  
10 an independent biennial evaluation of the impact of  
11 programs assisted under this Act and of other recent  
12 and new initiatives to promote positive youth devel-  
13 opment. The evaluation shall report on—

14 (A) whether funded programs, services,  
15 and activities—

16 (i) provided a thorough assessment of  
17 local resources and barriers to access the  
18 full array of developmental core resources;

19 (ii) used objective data and the knowl-  
20 edge of a wide range of community mem-  
21 bers;

22 (iii) developed measurable goals and  
23 objectives; and

1 (iv) implemented research-based pro-  
2 grams that have been shown to be effective  
3 and meet identified needs; and

4 (v) conducted periodic program eval-  
5 uations to assess progress made towards  
6 achieving program goals and objectives and  
7 whether they used evaluations to improve  
8 program goals, objectives and activities;

9 (B) whether funded programs, services,  
10 and activities have been designed and imple-  
11 mented in a manner that specifically targets, if  
12 relevant to the program—

13 (i) research-based variables that are  
14 predictive of healthy adolescent develop-  
15 ment;

16 (ii) risk factors that are predictive of  
17 an increased likelihood that young people  
18 will use drugs, alcohol or tobacco or en-  
19 gage in violence or drop out of school; or

20 (iii) protective factors, buffers, or as-  
21 sets that are known to protect youth from  
22 exposure to risk, either by reducing the ex-  
23 posure to risk factors or by changing the  
24 way the young person responds to risk,

1                   and to increase the likelihood of positive  
2                   youth development;

3                   (C) whether funded programs, services,  
4                   and activities have appreciably reduced indi-  
5                   vidual risk-taking behavior and community risk  
6                   factors and increased either individual or com-  
7                   munity protective factors; and

8                   (D) whether funded programs, services,  
9                   and activities have conducted effective youth  
10                  and parent involvement.

11               (2) BIENNIAL REPORT.—Not later than Janu-  
12               ary 1, 2003, and every 2 years thereafter, the Asso-  
13               ciate Commissioner shall submit to the President  
14               and Congress a report on the findings of the evalua-  
15               tion conducted under paragraph (1) together with  
16               the data available from other sources on the well  
17               being of adolescents.

18               (e) DISSEMINATION.—The Associate Commissioner  
19               shall develop a system to facilitate the dissemination of  
20               information acquired through the research to States, area  
21               agencies on youth, community boards, and the public  
22               about successful and promising strategies for providing all  
23               youth with the full array of core resources specified in sec-  
24               tion 101.

1 **SEC. 403. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

2       There are authorized to be appropriated to carry out  
3 this title \$7,000,000 for fiscal year 2001 and such sums  
4 as may be necessary for each of fiscal years 2002, 2003,  
5 2004, and 2005.

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